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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 42 of the Sikkim Forest, Water Courses and Road Reserve (Preservation and Protection) Act, 1988, the State Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Sikkim Transit of Timber and other Forest Produce, Rules, 1999, namely:-

**Short title,
extent and
commencement**

1. (1) These rules may be called the Sikkim Transit of Timber and other Forest Produce (Amendment) Rules, 2025.
- (2) They shall extend to the whole of Sikkim.
- (3) They shall come into force at once.

Amendment of 3

2. In the Sikkim Transit of Timber and other Forest Produce, Rules, 1999 (hereinafter referred to as the "said rules", for existing rule 3, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"3 (1) No forest produce shall be moved into or from or within the State of Sikkim except in the manner as hereinafter provided without a Transit Permit in Form-A annexed to these rules or electronic Transit Permit/ No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System (<https://ntps.nic.in>).

(2) Electronic Transit Permit /No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System (<https://ntps.nic.in>) shall also be valid in the whole of the State of Sikkim".

**Amendment of
rule 4**

3. In the said rules, for existing rule 4, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"4. Any person or agency who seeks to obtain a transit permit of any timber or forest produce shall apply in Form-B or in electronic form prescribed at National Transit Pass System to the Divisional Forest Officer in whose territorial jurisdiction the forest produce is located, stored or available".

**Amendment of
rule 15**

4. In the said rules, for existing rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"15. No timber or forest produce shall be brought within the State of Sikkim from outside, except by Permit or No Objection Certificate issued or generated by the National Transit Pass System by the authority in charge of the place of origin of the timber or forest produce, such TP (Transit Permit) shall be valid on payment of import fee notified by the Government in the schedules of rates currently in force".

**Amendment of
rule 24**

5. In the said rules, in rule 24, in clause (b), after the words "Official Gazette", appearing in the last line, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"However, No Objection Certificate for these exempted forest produce may be generated at National Transit Pass System for seamless movement of forest produce within and outside the State".

By order and in the name of Governor.

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